

TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2012

Committee Members:

Present:

Marilou Cook - Chairman  
Debbie Rivers – Vice Chairman  
Debbie Knox – 2010 Steering Committee Member  
Melinda Crutchfield – Member at Large  
Michael Blade – 2011 Class President  
Jason Conner – 2011 Steering Committee Member  
Dr. Tom Kohntopp – UT Program Director (**By Phone**)  
E. Ross White – Past Chairman

Absent:

Mark Patterson – Member at Large  
Phyllis Hodges – Member at Large  
April Wright – Member at Large  
Trish Pulley – Ex Officio  
Victor Barnes – 2010 Class President  
Dr. Macel Ely – UT Program Manager for TGMI

Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marilou Cook at 2:10 pm. The meeting was held in the Data Center, Conference Room 2.

Treasurer Report:

Debbie Knox reported that the balance in the checking account is \$1,249.16. There are still three additional persons who were no-shows who have not paid yet.

Secretary Report

Melinda Crutchfield reported that the minutes have been posted to LinkedIn.

**Communications Committee** – Our semi-annual newsletter is due to go out on June 1. Debbie Rivers reported that there limited benefits for proceeding with trying to get the alumni on a Sharepoint site. There would be a cost incurred of \$7 per person per month. Debbie will look at possible external options. Debbie Rivers reported that the goal is to avoid costs and to manage and attract alumni. Melinda Crutchfield recommended that Debbie Rivers contact Beth Pendergrass, TGMI alumni, for possible solutions to the networking site.

**Community Service Committee** – Jason Conner reported that the Harpeth River cleanup occurred in spite of the rain. There were 6 individuals that participated and they collected a pickup truck load of garbage from the river. There are three adopt-a-highway projects planned. The dates for the pickups are June 2, September 1, and December 1. Jason

reported that there is a survey due to go out requesting more people get involved in the community service projects.

**Business Events Committee** – Marilou reported for Phyllis. The Lunch and Learn is scheduled for next Tuesday, May 15. The program will be held in the Nashville Room located in Tennessee Towers. Commissioner Cates will be speaking on the Densification project currently taking place in government. All alumni are invited to attend.

**Education\Training\Leadership Development Committee** – Ross reported that Dr. Tom has changed positions in TGMI. Dr. Tom has moved into a more of a delegation role, rather than more hands on. Ross discussed the email from Macel regarding mentoring as part of the TGMI sessions. Dr. Tom reported that mentoring would not be a part of the formal sessions. Mike Blade reported that he is currently mentoring two current class participants from his agency. Ross has a speaking engagement in Fayetteville. Ross reported that he received a letter from Mr. Bill Gardner offering assistance in web development. Debbie Rivers will contact Mr. Gardner to find out what he has to offer and possibly invite him to the next steering committee meeting. Marilou requested that the date for the alumni to come to Knoxville to speak with the new class participants be changed from June 12 to a later date in order to prevent a scheduling conflict with our next steering committee meeting.

**Social Events Committee –**

Marilou Reported for April. The Nashville Sounds game is Saturday, May 12 at 6:35 p.m. There are currently 5 people, plus Debbie Knox, scheduled to attend the cookout on Thursday, May 10, 2012. The next social will be held on a Friday night. There has been no date set for the social.

**Old Business:**

- a. Ross and Debbie Knox will revisit the idea of creating and completing a mission statement.

**New Business:**

Melinda reported that Tremecca Doss has offered to get a suite at the Titans stadium for an alumni event. Melinda will inform April about Tremecca's offer. Melinda also reported that Tremecca suggested other possible social activities, including bowling night, movie night and an annual formal dress event, and more community service activities including cleanup along the Cumberland River in Northwest Nashville, working with a homeless mission, and more highway cleanup events in other surrounding Nashville areas. Marilou suggested that April Wright and Jason Conner reach out to Tremecca and other alumni asking them to join committees. We need to remind alumni that everyone is invited to attend the steering committee meetings. We need to encourage all alumni to join committees and get more involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM. Marilou Cook made the motion to adjourn.

**Open Discussion:**

This month's recommended readings are: Jironet, K. (2010). Female Leadership. New York: Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-415-58292-6

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – Dates to remember:

New Class Alumni Cookout (Montgomery Bell) – 5/10/2012

Nashville Sounds game – 5/12/2012

Alumni visit to Knoxville to talk about elections – TBD

Nashville Sounds game – 8/11/2012

Adopt-a-Highway – 6/2/12

Adopt-a-Highway – 9/1/12

Adopt-a-Highway – 12/1/12

Regards,

Melinda S. Crutchfield